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Dear Sir:

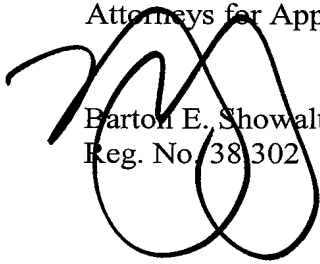
**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.322**

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued in accordance with the enclosed Form PTO-1050. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee under 37 CFR § 1.20(a) of \$100.00 and any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

It is respectfully submitted that a significant error is present in the printed patent, that correction thereof in accordance with the enclosed Form PTO-1050 is required in order that no misunderstanding will occur.

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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Cover Page, Right Column, Primary Examiner, delete "S. Foster" and insert -- Roland G. Foster --.

Cover Page, Right Column, References Cited (56), Line 8, delete "6,490,556 B1" and insert -- 6,490,556 B2 --.

Column 9, Line 62, Claim 1, delete Claim 1 in its entirety and insert the following:

-- 1. A method for controlling an audio conference, comprising:  
    establishing an audio conference between a plurality of devices coupled to a packet network;  
    communicating a plurality of selectively mixed signals to a conference administrator device for monitoring, each selectively mixed signal including media from at least two of the devices and excluding media from at least one of the devices;  
    receiving a command from the conference administrator device to disable media from a particular device; and  
    disabling the media from the particular device to terminate communication of the media from the particular device to the other devices in the audio conference;  
wherein the media is communicated in packets. --

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Column 10, Line 24, Claim 6 is Canceled.

Column 10, Line 32, Claim 7, after "claim", delete "6" and insert -- 1 --.

Column 10, Line 36, Claim 8, after "claim", delete "6" and insert -- 1 --.

Column 10, Lines 39-40, Claim 9, after "claim 1,", delete "wherein determining comprises:" and insert -- further comprising --.

Column 10, Line 41, Claim 9, after "to", delete "a conference" and insert -- the conference --.

Column 10, Line 45, Claim 9, after "receiving a" insert -- second --.

Column 10, Lines 50-51, Claim 11, after "claim 1,", delete "wherein determining comprises" and insert -- further comprising --.

Column 10, Line 58, Claim 12, after "receiving a", delete "command" and insert -- request --.

Column 10, Line 60, Claim 13, after "wherein the", delete "command" and insert -- request --.

Column 11, Line 1, Claim 15, delete Claim 15 in its entirety and insert the following:

-- 15. A conference bridge, comprising:

    a plurality of ports to communicate media with a plurality of devices in an audio conference;

    a media processor operable to receive media from the devices and to selectively mix signals for communication to a conference administrator device for monitoring, each selectively mixed signal including media from at least two of the devices and excluding media from at least one of the devices; and

    a media controller operable to disable media from a particular device to terminate communication of the media from the particular device to the other devices in the audio conference in response to a command received from the conference administrator device;

    wherein the plurality of devices are coupled to the conference bridge using a packet network and the media is communicated in packets. --

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Column 11, Lines 14-15, Claim 16, after "claim 15," delete "further comprising a media processor operable to:" and insert -- the media processor further operable to: --.

Column 11, Line 16, Claim 16, delete "receive media from the devices;"

Column 11, Line 42, Claim 21, after "receives a", insert -- second --.

Column 11, Line 54, Claim 24, delete Claim 24 in its entirety and insert the following:

-- 24. Conference control software embodied in computer readable media and operable to:

    establish an audio conference between a plurality of devices coupled to a packet network;

    communicate a plurality of selectively mixed signals to a conference administrator device for monitoring, each selectively mixed signal including media from at least two of the devices and excluding media from at least one of the devices;

    receive a command from the conference administrator device to disable media from a particular device; and

    disable the media from the particular device to terminate communication of the media from the particular device to the other devices in the audio conference;

wherein the media is communicated in packets. --

Column 12, Line 17, Claim 29 is Canceled.

Column 12, Line 25, Claim 30, after "of", delete "claim 29" and insert -- claim 24 --.

Column 12, Line 29, Claim 31, after "of", delete "claim 29" and insert -- claim 24 --.

Column 12, Lines 32-39, delete Claim 32 in its entirety and insert the following:

-- 32. The conference control software of Claim 24, further operable to:

    communicate a plurality of single source signals to the conference administrator device for monitoring, each single source signal generated by one of the devices; and

    receive a second command from the conference administrator device to disable media from the particular device. --

Column 12, Lines 43-44, Claim 34, after "claim 24," delete "wherein determining comprises identifying" and insert -- further operable to identify --.

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Column 12, Lines 47-53, delete Claim 35 in its entirety and insert the following:

-- 35. The conference control software of Claim 24, further operable to:  
communicate a recorded prompt to the particular device, the recorded prompt  
inviting the particular device to rejoin the audio conference; and  
receive a request to rejoin the audio conference from the particular device. --

Column 12, Line 55, Claim 36, delete "comprising enabling" and insert -- operable to enable --.

Column 12, Lines 58-67, delete Claim 37 in its entirety and insert the following:

-- 37. A conference bridge, comprising:  
means for establishing an audio conference between a plurality of devices  
coupled to a packet network;

means for communicating a plurality of selectively mixed signals to a  
conference administrator device for monitoring, each selectively mixed signal  
including media from at least two of the devices and excluding media from at least  
one of the devices;

means for receiving a command from the conference administrator device to  
disable media from a particular device; and

means for disabling the media from the particular device to terminate  
communication of the media from the particular device to the other devices in the  
audio conference;

wherein the media is communicated in packets. --

Column 13, Line 13, Claim 40 is Canceled.

Column 13, Line 27, Claim 41, after "receiving a", delete "command" and insert --  
request --.

Column 13, Line 30, Claim 42 is Canceled.

Column 13, Line 44, Claim 43 is Canceled.

Column 13, Line 49, Claim 44 is Canceled.

Column 13, Line 52, Claim 45 is Canceled.

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Column 14, Lines 1-13, delete Claim 46 in its entirety and insert the following:

-- 46. A method for remotely managing an audio conference through control of a conference bridge, comprising:

participating in an audio conference established by a conference bridge coupled to a packet network;

receiving a plurality of selectively mixed signals, each mixed signal excluding media from at least one of the devices;

outputting the selectively mixed signals to a conference administrator;

receiving a selection of a desired mixed signal from the conference administrator, the desired mixed signal excluding media from a particular device;

communicating a command to the conference bridge to terminate communication of the media from the particular device to the other devices in the audio conference;

wherein the media is communicated in packets. --

Column 14, Line 24, Claim 49 is Canceled.

Column 14, Line 35, Claim 50, after "claim", delete "49" and insert -- 46 --.

Column 14, Lines 39-40, Claim 51, after "claim 46,", delete "wherein monitoring comprises:" and insert -- further comprising: --.

Column 14, Line 43, Claim 51, after "signals to", delete "a" and insert -- the --.

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